

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful self-improvement practice rooted in ancient Chinese culture that centers around the universal principal of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance and it consists of five gentle exercises, including meditation; and

WHEREAS, Master Li Hongzhi, the founder of Falun Dafa, has helped millions across the world improving their health and moral standards, as well as deepen their understanding of life, humanity and the universe, through the practice of Falun Dafa; and

WHEREAS, transcending culture and racial boundaries, Falun Dafa has touched the lives of more than 100 million people in over 80 countries, more men and women in the United States are learning the practice and purifying their hearts, energizing their bodies, and striving to create virtuous communities; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa was first introduced to the public in 1992 in China and was introduced to North Texas in 1996. Since then, many free introductory workshops have been held in public places such as city libraries and public parks, and practitioners have participated in many community events; and

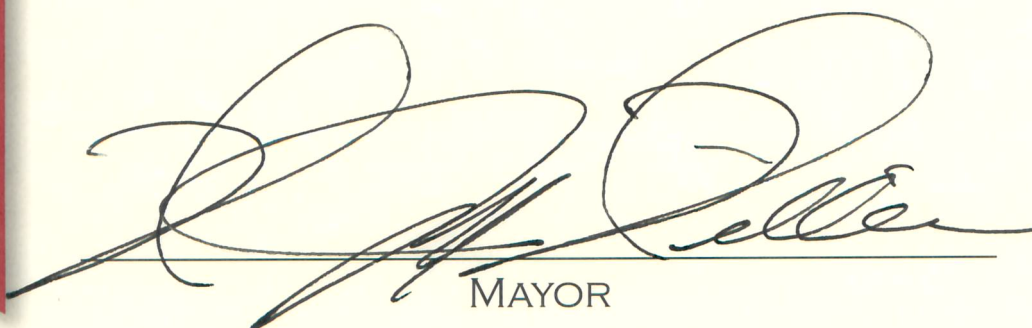
WHEREAS, Falun Dafa practitioners' determination and courage to stand up for Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance while facing severe persecution from the Chinese Communist Party has shown the world the value of life and the preciousness of human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa practitioners in the North Texas area will celebrate World Falun Day at the Plano Russell Creek Park on May 7th.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2016 as

FALUN DAFA DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 28th day of April in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen.


MAYOR

